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News Release

ICE ASSISTS HARTFORD POLICE IN ARREST OF WANTED FUGITIVE

Hartford, Conn.—U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers assisted the Hartford Conn. Police department in locating Anthony Thompson, a fugitive wanted for murder.

Thomspon, 24, formerly of Bloomfield, Conn. was wanted in connection with the murder of O'Neil Robinson and the shooting of two others that occurred on Feb.14, 2005 at the Cleveland Café in Hartford.

Information provided by ICE officers confirmed that Thompson had in fact fled the country to Jamaica the day after the shooting. ICE also provided other relevant information that ultimately led to the issuance of a provisional arrest warrant in Jamaica authorizing Thomspon's apprehension and eventual extradition to the United States to face murder charges.

"ICE is proud to have assisted the Hartford Police Department in the apprehension of this wanted fugitive," said Bruce E. Chadbourne, field office director for ICE in New England. "This case highlights the significant benefits of strong working relationships among law enforcement partners."

"The successful location and apprehension of Thompson is a direct result of the outstanding coordination that exists between all levels of law enforcement from the Hartford Fugitive Task Force," said Hartford Police chief Patrick J. Harnett. "Due to the tenacity of these law enforcement agencies and the Hartford Fugitive Task Force, a serious offender will be brought to justice."

Thompson was extradited from Jamaica yesterday and booked by Hartford Police on \$1 million bond. He was transported from Jamaica to Hartford by detectives from the Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes Division and the U.S. Marshals Service.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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